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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT THAT SOVIETS RETURNED CREDENTIALS OF AUSTRA-
LIAN HEAD OF MILITARY MISSION IN BERLIN

REF: BONN 3010 AND PREVIOUS

1. TAGESSPIEGEL CARRIED FRONT PAGE COMMENT ON FEBRUARY 17
COMMENTING ON ABOVE SUBJECT WRITTEN BY POLITICAL EDITOR
JOACHIM BOELKE. ARTICLE STRESSED THAT "ONLY THE ALLIED
COMMANDANTS IN WHOSE SECTOR THE MILITARY MISSIONS ARE
LOCATED ARE COMPETENT FOR ACCREDITING DIPLOMATS."

2. THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT IN THE CASE OF THE NEW
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CHIEF OF THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION, AMBASSADOR LOVEDAY, THE
SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS NOT YET BEEN INFORMED. ON THE
OTHER HAND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN CANBERRA
"HAS CONFIRMED" THAT THE SOVIET UNION REFUSED TO
ACCREDIT THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN BONN IN A
DUAL CAPACITY AS CHIEF OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY
MISSION IN BERLIN.

3. TAGESSPIEGEL DRAWS THE CONCLUSION (WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE) THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TOOK "AN UNUSUAL WAY" AND ADRESSED AN APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITING AMBASSADOR LOVEDAY TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR (I.E., AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV IN EAST BERLIN), WHO WAS NOT COMPETENT IN THE MATTER. THUS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GAVE AMBRASIMOV YET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY "TO DEMONSTRATE HIS DISTASTE FOR THE PREVAILING LEGAL SITUATION OF THE CITY" WHICH WAS COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY BECAUSE, ARTICLE CONTINUES, THE SOVIETS HAVE RECENTLY HAD NUMEROUS OTHER OCCASIONS TO SHOW THEIR DISSATISFACTION AT DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. GEORGE

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